Formalisms for Embedded Systems Architecture

- workshop within the CPSweek arranged by ICES with support from the ArtistDesign network
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The challenge of multiple modeling formalisms
Model based engineering - Existing design flows and gaps

Abstraction

Horizontal model integration (engineering and management)

Reuse; product lines

Geometry CAD

"Plant" & environment

Embedded system behavior and structure

Requirements

Analysis (V&V)

Modelica

M/S/SF

Cosim

RCP

SIL

PIL

HIL

Autosar

C-code

Doors

Excel, Word

FTA / FMEA

Timing

Model checking

Testing: ATC, TA, ...

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Formalisms for embedded systems architecture description – Needs??

- Communicate; visualize complex systems
- Formalize complex systems as a basis for documentation, analysis and synthesis

Subsequent questions

- Which formalism(s)?
- Which levels of abstraction(s)?
- Which tool(s)
Goals and Questions

- What are key formalisms for design of embedded systems?
  - What constitutes an ADL?
- What is the maturity (languages, tools) and industrial adoption of such formalisms?
- What are the industrial expectations on and experiences in adopting such tools?
- Which formalism best suits different types of systems and design tasks?
- What are the outstanding issues to pave way for larger scale industrial adoption.
ICES – Innovative Centre for Embedded Systems

- A KTH-based centre on Embedded systems
- Current members:
  - ABB, Enea, Ericsson, Freescale, Prevas, Scania, Semcon/EiS, Stoneridge, ÅF
  - KTH schools: CSC, EES, ICT, ITM
- ICES functions as a Network & Catalyst
  - Services for industry, students and faculty
  - Seminars, inventory, education, research
  - Initiated 2008. ”Spin-off effects” in the order of $x\ 10$
  - Networking internationally and nationally

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Key industrial challenges as identified by ICES member companies

- System Architecture
  - Hardware and software, Integration
  - Conflicting properties
- Software Verification
  - Additional level of complexity
- Methodology
  - Workable and systematic methods and tools!

Integration problems

Topics correlate nicely with intersection between many research groups!
ICES events and how to take part!!

- Work groups: Marketing, Education, Research, Seminars, PhD student group
- ICES networking – ICES think tank
- Seminars and conference 2010
  - Modeling languages for visualization and architecting
    - 2010-04-12 - http://www.cpsweek2010.se/
  - Embedded systems security
    - 2010-05-19
  - New KTH lab seminar series 2010
  - ICES conference on Networked Embedded Systems
    - 2010-09-02
- Windows of opportunities! (ICT-Labs, Artemis, and more)

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Additional questions

- Structure vs. Behavior → which properties
- Level of formalization; visualization vs. formalization
- Trends?
- Convergence?
- CESAR project
Panel topics!

- Key topics and challenges?
- Suggestions for academic research and education?
- Follow-up ideas
  - Follow-up seminars?
  - Collaboration forms?
Hands-on sessions

- AADL - the Architecture and Analysis Description Language
- EAST-ADL, architecture description language for automotive embedded systems, complementing AUTOSAR
- Transaction level hardware design using VHDL
- Domain specific ADL’s, using a meta-modeling environment
- Rubus Component and SW Architecture environment
Logistics!

- Check how many intend to join the hands-on session!